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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated February 7, 2002.

A response to the Office Action was originally due March 7, 2002. With this filing, the period for response is thus extended up to and including April 8, 2002 (April 7, 2002 being a Sunday).

A Response to Written Restriction Requirement is being filed concurrently herewith. A check for \$110.00, which includes the large entity extension of time fee is included herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.205. Similarly, please credit any over payment to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

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